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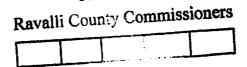
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Tom Ruffatto Chairman Bitterroot Conservation District 1709 North First Street Hamilton, Montana 59840



Dear Mr. Ruffatto:

This letter is in response to the Bitterroot Conservation District's request to withdraw Ravalli County Locally Important Farmland designations that were approved April 9, 2007. I concur with your request and will instruct the NRCS soils staff to eliminate that designation for soils in Ravalli County. Prime and Statewide Importance designations will still remain.

Any further questions or discussion, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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